

I urge you to please block Sinclair Broadcasting's attempt to pervert the public airwaves for a partisan political attack. Sinclair's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" just prior to the presidential election is a violation of the law. It constitutes an "in kind" political donation, and it should be disallowed.

The airwaves belong to the public, and broadcasters are obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's decision to force its station to carry a partisan attack on a presidential candidate is an abuse of their responsibility to the public. This situation demonstrates once again why media consolidation in the hands of a few large corporations is a bad thing. It puts our democracy in direct competition with the corporation's needs for profits. Sinclair's actions show why we need to further strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

We also need to re-institute a fairness doctrine so that the public has the ability to judge all sides of an issue. What we have now is propagandizing by those with deep pockets and few morals. Again, I urge you to disallow such a horrendously partisan and unfair characterization of one of the presidential candidates. At the very least, if the Sinclair stations are forced to air this anti-Kerry documentary, then Sinclair should also be forced to air Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 911 as a counterpoint. Thank you.